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SUBJECT: Dr LEVYTSKYI - editor of "Hromadskyi Holos",
living in Albert Hotel, 23 E 10 St, New York, N.Y.

Source : A and B

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1. On 13 Feb 1964 A and B were visited by Subject from 15.00 to 19.00 hrs. Subject knew about A's correspondence with LEVISHCHENKO and came "to express his satisfaction at A's and B's fresh approach to the Soviet Ukraine". In his opinion the line taken by A in presenting her observations about the Ukraine was absolutely right and she should not give in to attacks of reactionary immigrants. A new approach to the situation in the Ukraine was overdue among immigration a long time ago and in this respect A and B did a real pioneers' work.

It was A's impression that Subject's main aim was to "boost her in her approach to the Soviet Ukraine and encourage to make another visit this year".

Subject emphasized that A's presentation of the Soviet Ukraine was of particular importance to Kiev since A and B were both known Ukrainian Catholics and no one could accuse them of pro-communist sympathies.

2. Subject suggested that A and B should make a hint to LEVISHCHENKO that Kiev should invite them through a Moscow Committee for Cultural Contacts because the latter had more authority and money and could afford more in general. Thus, they would have to pay only \$ 1.50 per day and receive a real VIP treatment. They will have a car with driver at their disposition and a complete freedom in choosing their itinerary in the Soviet Union.

Subject knew it all from his own experience - 2 years ago

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he went together with SICHINSKYI on such an invitation to Kiev, Moscow and other places. They could also go to the countryside and "darkest suburbs" in cities. He spoke to many people ,quite openly, and did not care what the official line was.

When A and B pointed out that they wouldn't mind if Subject himself should write about it (the Moscow Committee invitation) to LEVISHCHENKO Subject suggested that B wrote herself to him and mentioned what Subject told them about their visit to the USSR. In his opinion this will help. He thought,however, "that anyway you will be invited because you deserve it".

3. Subject asked A whether they were forced in any way to sign their articles that later on appeared in the communist press. After A's explanation Subject thought they were still lucky because in other cases Levishchenko's friends were even more rude. In Subject's opinion "They in Kiev" should abandon such practices and he himself warned against them many times. "Let's hope they will learn finally" - he concluded.

4. Subject told A and B that while in the Ukraine he had great opportunity to speak to many people in cities and in the countryside. He also discussed many problems with official persons. His conclusions were the following: Sovs have in the Ukraine two main problems: Ukrainian nationalism and Catholic church, and church in general. Subject met himself many Ukrainian nationalists who asked him why the USA did not liberate Ukraine. These were mainly middle aged and elderly people. They were also main protagonists of Ukrainian nationalism. The party was aware of it but considered it now, after complete liquidation of the Underground, primarily as a time-problem. In other words, those people will slowly die out and coming generations will be less and less infected with nationalism.

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Therefore there was no need to make any concessions to nationalists.

It is, however, a completely different matter with church. A great many young people adhere to church and nothing can neutralize church's appeal. Here a compromise is mandatory. Consequently, Subject's inference from what he had heard while in the Soviet Union, was that Metropolit SLIPKI will get at least one church in LVOV.

5. Subject told A and B that in August 1964 he and SICHYNSKI will visit the Ukraine again.

6. Subject asked A whether she was visited by DUSHNYCK, Walter and *Vel.* remarked that the latter together with Rev. ANDRUSHKIV were expelled at one time from Belgium as German agents.

7. Subject told A and B that he would like to introduce them to the head of Ukrainian Mission in New York Mr KYZIA who in his opinion is a good Ukrainian. A answered that she did not mind meeting intelligent people whoever they were.

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